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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

SUBJECT: Revision of the Charters of the JIC and the JIS

1. Reference memorandum, same subject, dated 11 July 1947. I am convinced that the desired result of JCS - CIG cooperation can be achieved through the charters which were forwarded to you by the Joint Chiefs of Staff but not through the CIG redraft of the JIC charter.

2. The principal specific objections to the CIG redraft are:

a. It ignores the fundamental principle that a staff intelligence responsibility exists within every planning organization, which responsibility is a part of and inseparable from the organization itself. The Joint Chiefs of Staff require within the JCS organization an agency capable of producing intelligence, rather than an agency which will merely transmit intelligence which has already been produced.

b. It is predicated upon a theory, as advanced in the letter of transmittal, that conflicting intelligence estimates are dangerous, with which theory AC/AS-2 is not in accord. Intelligence is not an exact science, and honest differences of opinion are highly desirable in that they reflect the various contingencies for which plans must be made.

3. I, therefore, do not concur in the JIC charter as redrafted by the CIG.

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